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NEWS SUMMARY.

County.—March 7.—Rev. Dr. Currie, of Philadelphia, declines the call to Trinity Episcopal Church of Newark. Messrs. Maybee and English began their temperance work in Montclair with encouraging prospects of success.—8.—Rev. Dr. Vassar, of South Baptist Church, Newark, declines a call to Lynn, Mass.—9.—Union Temperance Meeting at Congregational Church, Montclair, with Maybee and English as principal speakers. A full house, and many signed the pledge.—10.—Six burglars arrested in Newark.—11.—Ernest Haberman, a boy 17 years of age, charged with assault and battery on his mother—Mutual Benefit Ins. Co. paid \$1,000 in amount of life policy. Association formed in the 7th Ward of Newark.—12.—In the township elections Milburn and South Orange each gain a Republican Freeholder, and Livingston and 2d Ward of Orange each gain one Democrat. The Board now contains 23 Republicans and 17 Democrats. Montclair gave a large Republican majority. Belleville elected a United Town Committee, as did Caldwell, East Orange and West Orange.—13.—Beach Vanderpool of Newark, President of Howland Savings Institution, Director of Bloomfield Gas Co., and one of the first Directors of M. & E. R. R., died, aged 76.

ABOUT TOWN.

—Mrs. Ward, relict of the late James Ward, who was a son of Eleazar Ward, died Thursday night, at an advanced age.

—The Hon. Stewart L. Woodford will lecture in Music Hall, Orange, Tuesday evening, March 25th. Subject, "Young Men in History."

—A Gospel Temperance Meeting will be held in the Baptist Church this evening. Agreeable programme has been arranged and a full attendance is desired.

—The recent haziness of the atmosphere has disappeared. Too much sun and lightning. "If so quickly done for, I wonder what I was before."

—Messrs. Slater and Chew have been appointed agents for the sale of Palquet and Co. Standard Organs. They have also a variety of Easter cards, which they are selling at low figures.

—Mr. Thos. Oakes' son, David, was so injured on Saturday last, as to sprain his leg. He is in consequence compelled to remain in the house. We hope soon to hear him about again.

—During the illness of Dr. J. E. Wilcox, Dr. Butler of Montclair will take care of his patients. Orders to receive attention should be left at Dr. Wilcox's before 9 o'clock A. M.

—That burlesque ticket ran so well that its authors underground. Next year R. F. A. will doubtless run the "Bull-Dozer" for Town Committee is dead ear-ly and they will be elected too, and don't you forget it! Ah! ah! ah!

—The Rev. Alexander Merwin of Valhalla, N. Y., was to speak to the students of the Seminary last (Friday) evening at five o'clock, on Mission Work in China and on the German Settlements on the Western Side of the South American Continent.

—The Rev. Frederick Von Slumbach is expected to address them before the close of the present term. The Winter Term closes with the Rhetorical Exhibition in the lecture room on the 25th inst.

—Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt of New York has collected services in the Baptist

Church every afternoon and evening during the past week. Mr. Pratt is an evangelist of excellent talent, and his meetings are always attractive and successful.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Day, who went to England about six months since to visit relatives in that country, arrived home on Thursday in the steamship City of Wyoming. They are both in excellent health and state that the trip was an exceedingly pleasant one.

—A number of new buildings are in course of erection in various parts of the town, but no capitalist seems inclined to take advantage of the great demand for small buildings of from six to ten rooms. A few such houses would certainly pay their owners well.

—An alarm of fire was sounded early on Wednesday morning from the Truck House, followed by another from the Gas House, and in a few minutes the boys were on their way with the truck through the mud. They proceeded as far as the Post Office when they discovered it was only a bon-fire. The assistant foreman then ordered their return.

—Westminster Church was packed long before the time announced for the funeral service of the late Wm. J. Madison on Sunday afternoon. When the procession arrived nearly a thousand people had assembled at the church, fully half of whom were unable to gain admission. The members of Phil Kearney Post G. A. R., of Newark, and W. S. Pierson Post, of Bloomfield, escorted the body from the house to the church, and thence to the cemetery where it was interred. Rev. S. W. Duffield conducted the services, assisted by Rev. E. D. Simons, who officiated as Chaplain at the cemetery. The addresses and music were very solemn, and it was noticed that the two clergymen, while observing the greatest delicacy and charity, and expressing a firm conviction that Mr. Madison's brain was undoubtedly affected, were nevertheless, decidedly faithful and earnest in their remarks. The funeral was the largest ever held in Bloomfield. A drum corps, attached to the Post led the procession, with muffled drums and fifes playing "Nearer, my God to Thee," and "Shall we gather at the River."

The Fourth Geological Lecture. The last lecture of Dr. Richards was well-nigh as racy and brilliant as the first. After an hour and a quarter, the audience would have been glad to have him go on.

The feature of the lecture was the vivid imaginary descriptions of the North American continent in successive geological epochs. The Paleozoic Age, or Age of Ancient Life, was first sketched, with its backbone-less animals and shell-fish and coal plants, its silence, and the agitations and earthquake commotions which brought it to an end.

The Mesozoic Age, or Age of Middle Life, furnished another series of imaginary views, with the spectator making his observations from a Green Mountain summit. The appearance of the Connecticut Valley and of the New Jersey lagoons, marshes, and flatland seacoast was pictured. The monsters, the huge dragon-saurus, the fifty-foot whale-crocodile, the flying reptile, the colossal ichthyosaurus, and the multitude of mammoths, with all their claws, eyes, mouths, teeth, tails, tusks, and flippers, stared the audience in the face. They were less alarming when they appeared on the silent screen of the lantern.

The Age of Reptiles at length disappeared, and man appeared. The lecture, however, did not include the appearance and history of man, but proceeded to describe the chalk formation and the Glacial Epoch. The "mill" or "hardpan," the scratched stones therein, the boulders and gravel and all that goes to make up that "drift" which covers one-half of the globe (but not the other half) were depicted. The causes of this wonderful and comprehensive fact—consequently in some gigantic catastrophe—icebergs or glaciers or great ice-sheets—were successively cited and dismissed.

The theory of Ignatius Donnelly, and his book "Ragnarok, the Age of Fire and Gravel," were described. The theory is that a comet once struck the earth, and this accounts for the prevalence of the "drift" on only one side of the globe. Then followed a representation of comets, their orbits and their number, and the narrow escapes which the earth has had from collision with them. This concluded the Cenozoic Age, or Age of Recent Life. A diagram illustrated the movements and multiplicity of the comets. The slides were more brilliant and more interesting than on either of the other evenings. In conclusion Dr. Richards said that he had not touched on the subject of Evolution. In his opinion this is not a subject for the pulpit nor for the popular lecture. It requires accurate and minute examination, and so cannot be made to an ordinary audience.

Dr. Richards deserves the thanks of the Bloomfield families for his efforts to instruct in useful and entertaining knowledge. It is a satisfaction to know that we have a home-lecturer so competent and so willing to popularize scientific subjects.

The next lecture will be on "The Greek Church," a descriptive and historic representation of that great organization, by the Rev. Nicholas Bjerring (pronounced Byerring), late Greek priest in New York City.

QUEEN VICTORIA has ordered a large brass, bearing a eulogistic inscription, in memory of John Brown, which is to be placed on the walls of the Prince Consort's mausoleum at Frogmore. A bust of John Brown is also in preparation, and a statue of an elaborate monument is to be placed over the grave, and a "carn" on one of the adjacent hills.

THE TIDAL WAVE.

A Big Surprise Party for Bloomfield's Little Political Ring.

Last week we reported the result of the Citizens' Meeting in Union Hall. We now take up the story where we left off, and state (what probably every one in town already knows,) that, with the exception of Township Clerk, the Republican primary meeting of Friday night adopted the Citizens' ticket by a large majority. For Township Clerk Edward F. Farrand was nominated, and for Freeholders, Thomas McGowan and Wm. Cadmus. Mr. John Sherman's friends made a strong effort to nominate him for Freeholder, but failed through some mismanagement. The attendance at the primary was unusually large; in fact the meeting was "packed"—packed with respectable tax-paying Republican voters who are accustomed to take little interest in such affairs. A feeble effort was made by the "ring" to prevent the nomination of Democrats on the Citizens' ticket, but with no success whatever.

Their crushing defeat at the primary did not satisfy the political dictators; they wished to be "vindicated." Election day, therefore, brought out the same ticket, and their "vindication" is complete, as the following figures will show:

Regular Republican Citizens' Ticket as Nominated at Liberty Hall, and as Elected.

JUDGES OF ELECTION.	Total votes.
1st. Dist. Wm. Colfax,*	426
2d. " Jas. W. Baldwin,*	170
3d. " John Hall,*	276

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION, (Rep.)	Total votes.
1st. Dist. C. F. Davis,*	273
2d. " R. M. Ball,*	125
3d. " David W. Smith,*	77

CLERKS OF ELECTION.	Total votes.
1st. Dist. Ed. Westlake,*	422
2d. " John Durr,*	92
3d. " Ed. F. Farrand,*	274

TOWNSHIP CLERK.	Total votes.
Ed. F. Farrand, (Reg.),	517

ASSESSOR.	Total votes.
J. K. Oakes,	557

COLLECTOR.	Total votes.
Alex. C. Marr,*	890

CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.	Total votes.
Thomas McGowan,*	637
Wm. Cadmus,*	490

COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.	Total votes.
Jas. C. Beach,*	703
P. J. Ward,*	881
John Sherman,*	654

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.	Total votes.
J. K. Oakes,*	893
Horace Pierson,*	745

OVERSEER OF POOR.	Total votes.
Jas. C. Stevens,*	688

JUSTICE OF PEACE.	Total votes.
Horace Pierson,*	792

CONSTABLES.	Total votes.
Geo. M. Cadmus,*	887
Jas. Foster,*	886
P. D. W. Darling,*	883
R. J. Maxwell,*	855
Ben. F. Baldwin,*	814

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.	Total votes.
Wm. A. Baldwin,*	776
Wm. B. Corby,*	683
N. Harvey Dodd,*	661
Jos. Carter,*	621
M. A. Dailey,*	556

The Appropriations were carried as printed in our last issue.

No opposition.

The vote for the Ring Nominees for Township Committee was as follows: R. N. Dodd, 238; T. E. Hayes, 187; A. E. Hegeman, 353; D. W. Smith, 234; Lewis Cockfair, 85.

Average vote for Citizens' Committee, 652; average for Ring Committee, 319; average majority, 433; more than the entire Democratic vote cast.

In the 3d. district, Wm. Hoffman was elected Inspector by majority of 45. Mr. E. A. Rayner received 377 votes, against Farrand's 517. John Sherman received 325 votes for Freeholder, against Wm. Cadmus 490. For Commissioners of Appeal, Lewis Cockfair received 174 and John Hall 177 votes. Stevens' majority over Walker for Poormaster is 483. Stan. Farrand, Independent Candidate for Assessor, received 354 votes.

The total number of votes cast was about 900—about two hundred more than is usual at spring elections.

Little Johnny Relates an Amusing Anecdote About Dogs.

One time there was a feller bot a dog of a man in the market, and the dog it was a biter. After it had bit the feller four or five times he threw a closine over its neck and led it back to the dog man in the market and he said to the dog man, the feller did. "Ole man, didn't you use to have this dog?" The dog man he looked at the dog, and then that awhile, and then he said, "Well, yes, I had him about half the time and the other half he had me." Then the feller he was furious mad, and he said, "Wot did you sell me such a dog as this for?" And the old man he spoke up and sed, "For four dollars and seventy-five cents, Ioffe money." Then the feller guessed he wold go home if the dog was willing. Uncle Ned, which has been in Indy and everywhere, he says the Mexican dogs don't have no hair on 'em. Dogs howl louden cats, but cats is more furry and can wok on top of a fence and blow up their tail like a bloom when they want to spit.

The Water Supply.

To the Bloomfield Citizen.

It was with pleasure that we read the communication in last week's issue in regard to the distribution of the water pipes, signed "East End." We do feel that it will be a decided injustice if the pipes are not laid on Montgomery Street nearly its full length, for in no part of the town, outside of the immediate Centre, is it as closely built as between Williamson Avenue and the Belleville Line. We have the benefit of the gas on only part of the street, while we find some streets in the Township, twice as far from the Centre, fully lighted, which have less than one-third the travel on them. But we will not dwell on the gas subject, for so far as it goes, we do get some benefit from it, but we are unable to see a shadow of benefit to be derived from water a half mile off, unless it is the satisfaction of saying that we have water in our town, which, we admit, is a good thing to boast of, but won't avail much on a windy night, in a neighborhood as thickly settled as ours, if a fire gets started.

A recent issue of your paper contained an item which stated that Bloomfield is a desirable place to locate in, with the exception of some given parts, which are unhealthy through local cause. Now we know of nothing of more importance than the health of a community. And if there are portions of our beautiful town that suffer from mal-intermittent neuralgia (if this is not spelled right it is because I never lived in Montclair and have not learned how) caused by lack of drainage or by streams which receive more or less filth not being allowed to run freely as nature designed they should, but converted into stagnant ponds. Have not the sufferers thereby a right to have the cause removed, so far as possible, by those having the authority to do so? Especially when they are assessed to pay for improvements on other parts of the town, such as water, gas, gravel, drainage, improving the Park, etc. If not, what is the use of having a Health Board?

Furthermore, we sometimes hear the eastern portion of the town spoken of as an inferior district. We do not admit it. As our neighbors would contain some of the elevated plateaus spoken of in the item referred to, that overlook not only Newark, Orange and Montclair, but nearly all of Bloomfield.

And as for a West End being preferable to an East End, is not the West End of Bloomfield but the East End of Montclair, but the East End of Stony Lonsome. And is not the growth and welfare of an East End of as much importance to a town as the growth of a West End, North End, or any other end. As for the morals of our neighborhood, we will say that of the thirty or more rum holes in our town, we have none, unless it be a couple along the canal, and we know of no family which does not contribute to one or more of the churches at the Centre.

We have heard it remarked that we are behind the age, but we think that if here were more fairness shown in the distribution of the benefits for which we help to pay, that we would be nearer up to the standard of the times.

W. H. C.

A Card from Mr. E. Wilde.

To the Bloomfield Citizen.

The severe illness of Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Duer, who were both boarding in our family, has been a source of deep regret to us, and we have naturally felt very uneasy lest it might be attributed to some local cause. Our attention was first directed to the water in the well, and we sent some of it to Prof. Spalding in Montclair, who tested it and pronounced it pure.

Dr. White also took some home and tested it, and told us we might rest perfectly easy on that score, as the water was perfectly pure, indeed, better than that in his own well.

The house is destitute of pipes of any description throughout, to carry off filth or disseminate odors. There is a sink in the back kitchen where dishes are washed connecting with a drain, and the water from that operation and clothes washing is all that goes into it. The drain has a perfect decline and empties under the sidewalk on Washington Avenue, where it is carried off by the rain.

By the orders of Mrs. Anzi Dood, who owns the property, this drain was opened and cleaned last year, and nearly every previous year since we have resided in the house, and it is to be cleaned this spring immediately.

Bloomfield has always been celebrated for the purity of its well water, and as that is the prime necessity of life, should be very sorry that anything should get abroad detrimental to its fair fame.

EDWARD WILDE.

Bloomfield, March 13th.

The Old Stone House.

To the Bloomfield Citizen.

In your last issue there was an article concerning the old stone house on Washington Street. It may be considered a gentle way to draw genteel notice to the dilapidated condition not only of the house itself but of its surroundings. How do we know but that the owner intends to take away the fence entirely and throw the grounds into an open lawn, as has become fashionable lately, and not wishing to outrage the Bloomfield sentiment, of leaving things as they were in grand-father days, is permitting it to be done slowly and imperceptibly. There may be another reason, the adjoining property, consisting of a long-used barn with a very shaky wagon shed, rivals its older neighbor in wretched surroundings, and it is but a question of a very short while when its fence will be as flat as that of the old homestead. The owner of the old stone house may be only waiting a little while for its neighbor to catch up.

But, Mr. Editor, do you think there ought to be a centennial celebration?

BUEBLIK.

A GERMAN physician recommends roller skating for children, especially for such as are subject to bleeding at the nose, a complaint, by the way, that has been largely developed in roller-skating rinks, especially among learners. But perhaps the physician is a believer in Hahnemann's theory.

BALLOTS.

A DEFERRED OPERA SEASON.

A robin and bluebird sat side by side, On a limb of the old gnarled tree. The dearest wandering opera troupe That ever I chanced to see. They thought of the flowery land they had left, And their hearts were as heavy as lead— For the robin was chilly beneath his red vest, And the bluebird with cold was half dead.

The ice-covered twig was decidedly cool For a platform, to stand on and sing— So they packed up their wardrobes and flew off to find Some place where it truly was Spring.

A religious order. Fast and pray.

If there's one thing I like above another, it is an umbrella over a good hat on a rainy day.

"Two heads are better than one," soliloquized Paddy as he secreted a second cabbage under his coat.

An Eastern paper says: "They hang men on the slightest suspicion out West." But we thought it was on the limb of a tree.

A German artist has succeeded in photographing a flash of lightning. They will be trying to photograph a Session of Congress next.

An exchange contains an interesting article on "Where young snakes hide." But so long as they keep out of people's boots, who cares where they hide?

Mr. Alkalay and his wife are struggling for a divorce. One would think that the acid of their matrimonial career might have been neutralized by the name.

"I'm sorry to hear your brother is sick of a fever," said old Mrs. Grimes to a little girl.

"Yes, indeed, he is heartily sick of it," was the reply.

CONFIDENCE.

He who says, "I tell you this because you are my friend; I believe in you," and adds, "Tell it not again," knows neither friendship nor his friend.

Some 30,000 children are living on canal-boats in England.—Exchange. Such a diet must have a tendency to make blockheads of them. But perhaps they belong to the cannale anyhow.

We read in the patent outside of a contemporary that "London actors have seven clubs." If any one familiar with the habits of the fraternity can tell us why they go thus heavily armed, we will be glad of the information.

"What a shocking preacher our new minister is!"

"Shocking preacher? Why I thought him very eloquent."

"Yes. So do I; electrifies his hearers you know."

Let others tell of Hermes, he Who flew with winged cap and feet To bear great Jove's supreme commands, Or queenly Juno's mission sweet, I'll sing the mail bag, and amid Its precious treasures without end, The kindly word that sometimes comes From one unknown, but yet a friend.

The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal says there is now living in Penn Yan, N. Y., a man who for two years has had a bullet imbedded in his brain. Before receiving the shot he was dissolute, morose and quarrelsome, but has now become a peaceful, sober and industrious citizen.—Exchange.

This comes, little children, from having the right bump bumped. Policemen ought to be educated in phrenology so as to thump thieves into honesty. Unfortunately they only bang the wrong bumps.

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